THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

Privatisation of PSUs

1886. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the new push given to the privatisation exercise of Public Sector Undertakings; and

(b) the results achieved, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) The Government is pursuing the declared disinvestment policy to bring down the equity stake of the Government up to 26 per cent in the generality of cases in non strategic areas and to retain majority holding in strategic areas. Disinvestment as an ongoing process is carried out keeping in view the Government policy, recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission, market conditions, financial performance of the company and in consultation with the concerned Ministries.

Guidelines to State Governments on Disinvestment

1887. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have provided guidelines to the State Govts. on disinvestment plan;

(b) whether the State Governments are proceeding accordingly; and

(c) if so, what has been the progress in this regard in different States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) The Department of Disinvestment has not issued any guidelines on disinvestment plan to the State Governments.